

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FAMILY VIOLENCE ARRESTS ANNUAL REPORT 2005



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FAMILY VIOLENCE 2005

DEFINITION

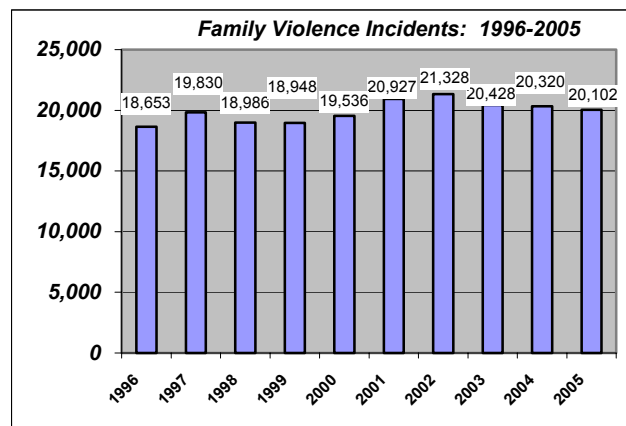
Police in Connecticut make an arrest whenever they respond to a call that involves family violence and there is sufficient probable cause to effect an arrest. Officers report each family violence arrest incident to the Department of Public Safety.

In order for an offense to be classified as family violence, there must be either injury or present danger with the likelihood that physical violence will occur, and the relationship between parties conforms to the definition of "family or household members."¹ Verbal abuse or argument, without violence or threatened violence, does not constitute family violence. Acts of parents when disciplining minor children do not constitute family violence unless the actions are abusive.²

ANALYSIS

Volume

There were 20,102 incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 2005. This represents a 1% decrease since 2004. About (16,671) 83% of cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct, which is 1% less than 2004.



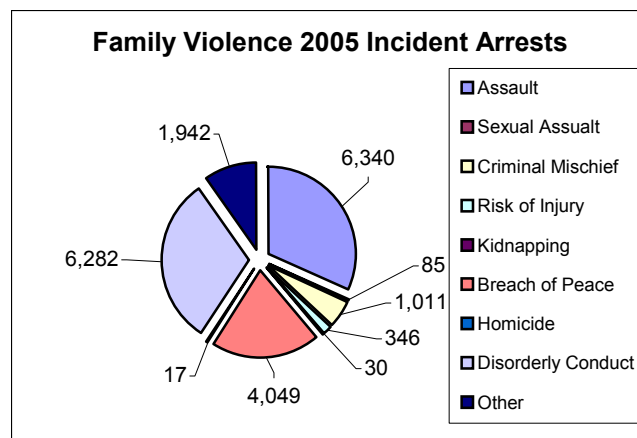
Status of Participants and Number of Incidents by Offense*			
Offense Type	Victims	Offenders	Both Arrested
Homicide ⁴	17	17	0
Assault	5,681	5,198	2,570
Kidnapping	34	31	0
Sexual Assault	95	91	0
Criminal Mischief	1,031	926	181
Risk of Injury	608	376	10
Breach of Peace	3,254	3,076	2,067
Disorderly Conduct	5,288	4,818	3,120
Other	1,920	1,865	164
TOTAL	17,928	16,398	8,112

*Reflects most serious charge per incident.

In 2005, homicide victims decreased by (17) 37% from 27 in 2004 while victims of assault increased (5,681) under 1% from 5,663 in 2004 and sexual assault decreased by (95) 18% from 116 in 2004.

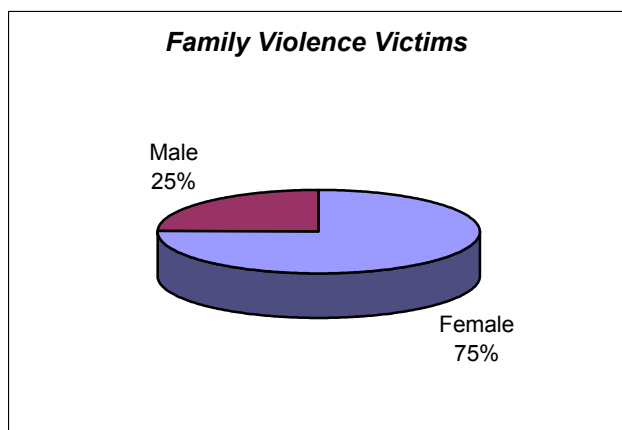
Family Violence Incidents	
Arrest Incidents	20,102
Victims	17,928
Offenders	16,398
Both Arrested ³	8,112

¹Spouses, former spouses, parents and their children, persons eighteen years of age or older related by blood or marriage, persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, and persons who share a child in common regardless of their marital status or living arrangement, and persons in or have been in a dating relationship. Connecticut General Statutes 46b-38a(2).
²Connecticut General Statutes 46b-38a(3). ³An individual is assigned the status of BOTH when involved in a family violence incident in which all parties were arrested. ⁴Includes homicides cleared by the death of the offender. Does not include homicide from 2001 reported to CAU 2005.

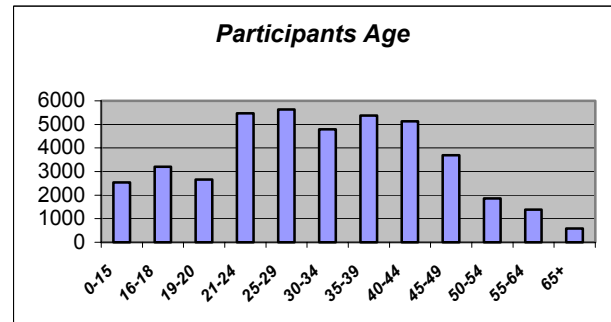


Sex			
Sex	Victim	Offender	All Arrested
Female	13,485	3,703	3,974
Male	4,443	12,695	4,138

Of the 17,928 total number of victims, (13,485) 75% were female and (4,443) 25% were male (same as last year). There were 16,398 total offenders, (12,695) 77% of whom were male and (3,703) 23% were female. There were 8,112 dual arrests (both arrested), of whom (4,138) 51% were male and (3,974) 49% were female.



Age of Participants				
Age	Victims	Offenders	Both Arrested	Total
0-15	1,552	765	234	2,551
16-18	1,052	1,413	749	3,214
19-20	1,030	1,008	631	2,669
21-24	2,152	2,151	1,184	5,487
25-29	2,267	2,258	1,121	5,646
30-34	1,935	1,973	901	4,809
35-39	2,202	2,181	1,011	5,394
40-44	2,119	2,074	953	5,146
45-49	1,627	1,369	693	3,689
50-54	868	627	366	1,861
55-64	728	454	213	1,395
65+	396	125	56	577
TOTAL	17,928	16,398	8,112	42,438



Of the participants, 62% were between the ages of 21 and 44. 82% of all participants were under the age of 45.

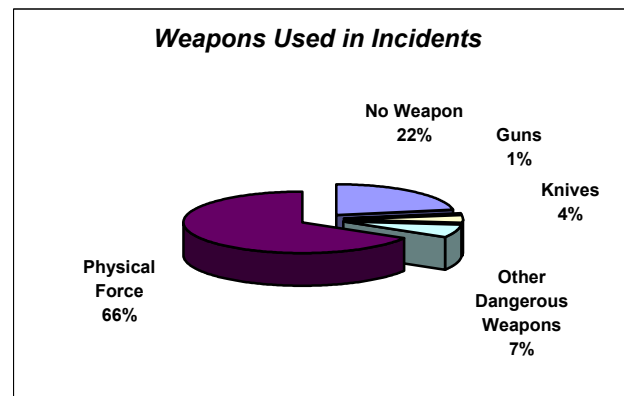
Relationship of Parties		
Relationship	Victim to Offender	Both Arrested
Spouse	3,200	
Former Spouse	370	
Live-in	6,111	3,231
Relative*	5,838	2,259
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	2,409	1,043
TOTAL	17,928	8,112

*Includes Relative residing and not residing in home.

For 34% of victims, and 40% of "boths," their relationship was "live-in" (people who live together, ever lived together or share a child) and 13% of victims and 13% "boths" were boyfriend/girlfriend

Offenses

Arrestees used guns in (152) under 1% incidents, knives in (743) 4%, other dangerous weapons in (1,436) 7% and physical force in (13,322) 66% of incidents. (22) % of incidents had no weapons involved. Serious injury occurred in 256 incidents; and minor physical injury in 8,771 incidents. No physical injury occurred in 11,058 and fatalities occurred in 17 incidents. (There were 17 homicides in 2005).



Time of Day	
12:01 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.	3,506
6:01 a.m. - Noon	3,001
12:01 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	5,423
6:01 p.m. - Midnight	7,942
Unknown	230

Day of Week	
Monday	2,697
Tuesday	2,755
Wednesday	2,694
Thursday	2,550
Friday	2,687
Saturday	3,363
Sunday	3,356

A prior court order, either a Temporary Restraining Order issued by the civil court or a Protective Order issued by the criminal court,⁵ was issued in 3,596 of the cases, a 0.22% decrease from last year. Liquor or drugs were known to be involved in 6,297 of the cases, a 3% decrease from last year.

⁵Temporary Restraining Orders are usually issued at the request of the person to be protected. See C.G.S. 46b-15. Protective Orders are generally issued at the arraignment of a family violence arrestee. See C.G.S.46b-38c.

In (3,156) 16% of the incidents, children were directly involved which is 1% less than in the previous year. In an additional (4,631) 23% of the incidents, children were present in the household, but were not involved in the incident, which is 4% more than last year. In (12,315) 61% of the incidents children were neither involved nor present, which is same as previous year.

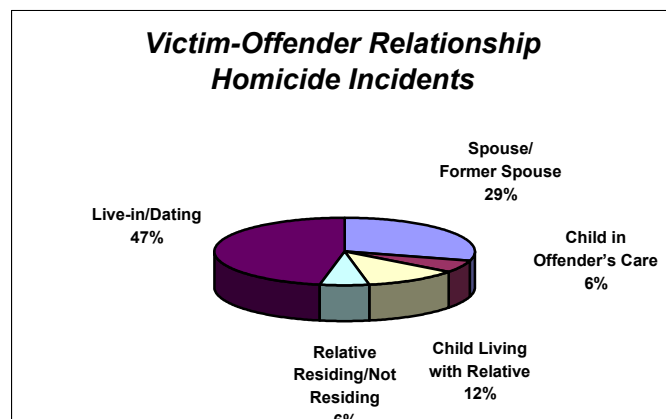
Family Violence Homicides⁶

There were 17 family violence homicides (17 incidents), a 37% decrease from 27 in 2004. There were 11 people arrested and 6 additional incidents in which the offender committed suicide.

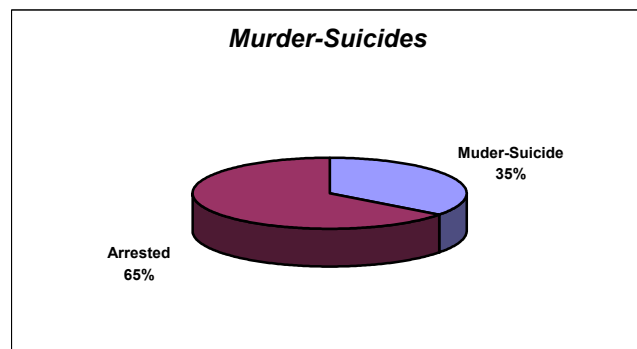
Spouses were victims in (5) 29% of the homicides, (3) 60% of these were murder-suicides. There were no former spouses involved in 2005. Children in offender's care were (3) 18%. (Child victims do not include relative living outside the home). Relatives were victims in (1) 6% (an adult male was killed by his stepfather), and live-ins/dating relationships were (8) 47% of the homicides.

⁶As of the publish date for this report the total number of homicides in Connecticut for 2005 was not compiled for comparison to the family violence homicides.

Relationship of Homicide Victims to Offender		
Relationship	Arrested Offenders	Murder-Suicide
Spouse/Former Spouse	2	3
Child in Offender's Care	1	0
Child Living with Relative	2	0
Relative Residing/Not Residing	1	0
Live-in/Dating	5	3



Offenders who committed suicide amounted to (6) 35% of all family violence homicides after murdering a spouse, relative, or live-in lover. These murder-suicides generally resulted from an estranged love relationship in which the husband or boyfriend was the offender.

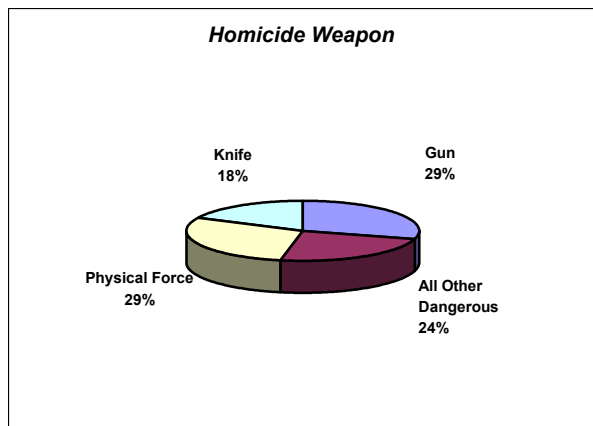


Weapons Used in the Homicide*		
Weapon	Arrested Offender	Murder-Suicide
Gun	1	4
Knife	3	0
Physical Force**	3	2
All Other ***	4	0

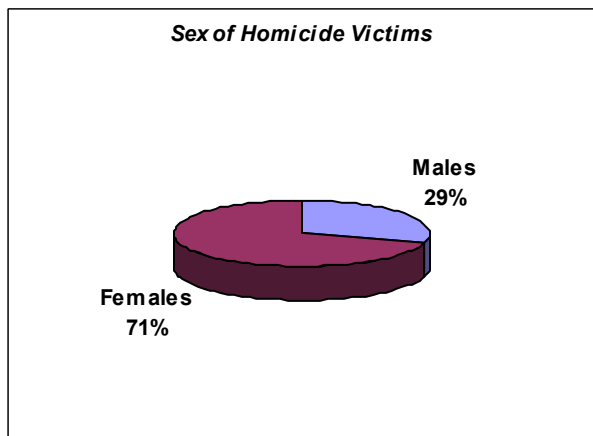
*Reflects most serious weapon. ** Includes Strangulation/Asphyxiation, and Shaken Baby. *** Includes Blunt Objects.

Guns were used in (5) 29%, knives in (3) 18% and physical force in (5) 29% of the deaths. All other weapons, such as a hammer and a clothes iron, were used in (4) 24% of the deaths.

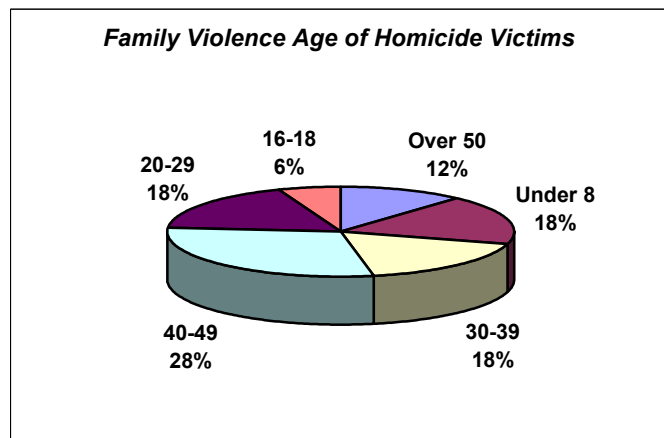
A gun was the weapon used on victims in most murder-suicides. (4) 80% of the Family Violence homicides involving guns were murder-suicides. In (2) 33% of the murder-suicide incidents the offender used physical force.



Of the homicide victims, (12) 71% were female and (5) 29% were male. (In 2002 it was the first time where males outnumbered female victims in family violence homicides). Of the offenders (15) 88% were male. Females accounted for only (2) 12% of the family violence homicide offenders. All (6) 100% of the murder-suicide offenders were male.



(5) 30% of the homicide victims were either younger than eight or fifty and older. (3) 18% of the homicide victims were one year of age or younger, (3) 18% were in their twenties, (3) 18% were in their thirties, and only (1) 6% were in their teens. Also only (2) 12% were over 50 years of age. Unlike 2004 there were (5) 29% of victims in their forties and none between the ages of two and 17.



2005 FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENT BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach Of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	2005 Totals	2004 Totals	% Change 2004-2005
Ansonia	1	63	1	0	15	6	36	30	11	163	163	0.0%
Avon	0	13	0	1	0	1	1	20	2	38	31	22.6%
Berlin	0	16	0	0	2	0	1	19	0	38	44	-13.6%
Bethel	0	5	0	0	2	0	3	29	1	40	38	5.3%
Bloomfield	0	47	0	1	2	6	36	74	15	181	152	19.1%
Branford	0	23	1	0	7	2	20	62	23	138	136	1.5%
Bridgeport	2	504	0	5	101	32	114	227	105	1,090	1,202	-9.3%
Bristol	0	200	1	0	18	3	81	30	43	376	369	1.9%
Brookfield	0	10	0	0	3	0	4	26	0	43	43	0.0%
Canton	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	9	3	17	14	21.4%
Capitol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
CCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Cheshire	0	6	0	0	4	0	17	38	5	70	65	7.7%
Clinton	0	20	0	0	3	1	9	40	10	83	94	-11.7%
Coventry	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	9	2	21	56	-62.5%
Cromwell	0	4	0	0	2	0	6	32	7	51	78	-34.6%
Danbury	1	125	0	2	11	6	22	125	32	324	304	6.6%
Darien	0	8	0	0	1	0	3	15	2	29	32	-9.4%
Derby	0	16	1	1	6	0	9	20	6	59	74	-20.3%
E. Hampton	0	8	0	0	2	1	0	42	4	57	40	42.5%
E. Hartford	1	132	1	2	12	10	52	193	50	453	466	-2.8%
E. Haven	0	44	1	0	9	8	27	78	33	200	167	19.8%
E. Windsor	0	23	0	0	2	2	36	12	11	86	104	-17.3%
ECSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	N/A
Easton	0	6	0	0	1	1	4	12	1	25	23	8.7%
Enfield	0	130	0	2	15	6	73	51	44	321	360	-10.8%
Fairfield	0	31	0	0	2	0	9	32	7	81	97	-16.5%
Farmington	0	17	0	0	0	2	23	16	11	69	88	-21.6%
Glastonbury	0	17	0	0	7	2	12	63	13	114	93	22.6%
Granby	0	4	0	1	0	1	1	14	2	23	43	-46.5%
Greenwich	0	42	1	0	4	3	11	81	10	152	152	0.0%
Groton City	0	22	0	2	15	2	50	35	12	138	153	-9.8%
Groton L P	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	N/A
Groton Town	0	47	0	0	4	3	33	49	16	152	161	-5.6%
Guilford	0	19	1	0	5	3	1	33	9	71	83	-14.5%
Hamden	0	67	0	1	7	3	33	127	26	264	244	8.2%
Hartford	0	880	4	13	165	24	277	544	187	2,094	2,336	-10.3%
Madison	0	7	0	1	3	2	10	20	7	50	59	-15.3%
Manchester	1	108	0	4	15	10	201	125	54	518	486	6.64%
Meriden	0	150	1	3	23	7	68	240	83	575	580	-8.6%
Middlebury	0	9	0	1	1	0	2	9	0	22	18	22.2%
Middletown	2	85	2	2	28	8	62	175	46	410	389	5.4%
Milford	0	54	0	0	2	5	22	70	22	175	163	7.4%
Monroe	0	13	0	0	0	1	6	7	7	34	43	-20.9%
Naugatuck	0	41	1	0	2	2	34	90	12	182	203	-10.3%
New Britain	0	395	3	3	51	11	61	238	82	843	965	-12.6%
New Canaan	0	10	0	0	0	0	2	27	9	48	33	45.5%
New Haven	0	403	1	3	79	27	356	60	73	1,008	1,233	-18%
New London	0	64	0	0	12	4	151	65	22	318	303	5.0%

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Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach Of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	2005 Totals	2004 Totals	% Change 2004-2005
New Milford	0	32	0	0	3	0	12	57	7	111	110	0.9%
Newington	0	32	0	1	12	2	11	44	14	116	154	-24.7%
Newtown	0	13	0	0	2	0	20	24	6	65	64	1.6%
No Branford	0	8	1	0	1	0	11	30	8	59	51	15.7%
North Haven	0	24	0	1	2	2	12	50	20	111	100	11.0%
Norwalk	2	133	1	1	24	1	105	249	42	558	632	-11.7%
Norwich	0	172	1	1	15	11	82	142	61	485	410	18%
Old Saybrook	0	6	0	0	3	1	6	14	5	35	25	40.0%
Orange	0	11	0	0	1	0	2	14	0	28	25	12.0%
Plainfield	0	16	0	0	6	1	18	48	16	105	112	-6.3%
Plainville	0	26	0	0	2	4	8	55	13	108	85	27.1%
Plymouth	0	21	0	0	8	1	7	27	8	72	63	14.3%
Portland	0	5	0	0	1	0	4	6	3	19	24	-20.8%
Putnam Mun	0	21	0	0	0	2	17	27	14	81	87	-6.9%
Redding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.0%
Ridgefield	0	5	0	0	1	0	4	14	3	27	27	0.0%
Rocky Hill	0	16	0	0	4	0	14	22	5	61	50	22.0%
Seymour	0	9	0	0	3	2	23	20	12	69	53	30.2%
Shelton	0	35	0	0	1	2	23	52	8	121	121	0.0%
Simsbury	0	8	0	0	0	0	11	22	3	44	57	-22.8%
So Windsor	0	10	0	0	3	1	27	30	11	82	77	6.5%
SCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Southington	0	57	0	0	15	0	47	56	27	202	172	17.4%
Stamford	0	222	0	0	15	8	42	149	20	456	439	3.9%
Stonington	0	25	1	0	8	1	52	23	12	122	133	-8.3%
Stratford	0	110	0	1	11	4	19	37	21	203	225	-9.8%
Suffield	0	6	0	0	0	1	2	24	3	36	35	2.9%
Thomaston	0	9	0	1	2	0	10	21	6	49	54	-9.3%
Torrington	0	59	1	3	14	15	210	53	33	388	353	9.9%
Trumbull	0	32	0	1	6	0	7	40	12	98	132	-25.8%
UCONN Avy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
UCONN HC	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	N/A
UCONN	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	11	1	23	11	1.09%
Vernon	0	38	0	0	1	2	77	21	15	154	147	4.8%
Wallingford	0	26	0	5	3	10	23	132	49	248	216	14.8%
Waterbury	2	418	3	2	80	12	658	217	92	1,484	1,299	14.2%
Waterford	1	8	0	0	1	1	35	34	10	90	87	3.4%
Watertown	0	22	0	2	3	2	53	24	15	121	134	-9.7%
W. Hartford	1	72	0	1	3	5	29	104	36	251	161	55.9%
W. Haven	0	70	0	2	1	2	61	74	13	223	267	-16.5%
WCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Weston	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	23	12	91.7%
Westport	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	44	2	55	67	-17.9%
Wethersfield	0	40	0	0	5	2	6	21	12	86	81	6.2%
Willimantic	1	36	0	0	11	4	63	57	10	182	111	64.0%
Wilton	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	22	2	29	28	3.6%
Winchester	0	35	0	0	4	1	19	69	13	141	103	36.9%
Windsor	0	26	0	1	7	0	22	83	8	147	137	7.3%
Windsor Lks	0	37	0	0	3	3	12	42	17	114	93	22.6%

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Wolcott	0	18	0	0	3	3	11	44	8	87	70	24.3%
Woodbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	3	0.0%
Yale	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	13	3	N/A
Amtrak	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	N/A
Metro North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.0%
CVH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
DMHAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	N/A
DEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	N/A
PD Totals	15	5,908	28	71	932	314	3,870	5,687	1,818	18,643	18,888	1.30%
CSP Totals	2	432	2	14	79	32	179	595	124	1,459	1,432	1.99%
CT Totals	17	6,340	30	85	1,011	346	4,049	6,282	1,942	20,102	20,320	-1.10%

*(Percent changes not calculated for agencies with less than 15 Family Violence incidents in either year).
(Above report generated prior to Family Violence Detailed Report that was generated 12/06).*